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SUBJ: REVIEW OF DEFENSE EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

1. SECRETARY GENERAL HAS ISSUED PO/73/108, DATED JULY 30, 1973, (QUOTED BELOW) PROPOSING THAT DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE TAKE NOTE OF MC 218 BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE BY AUGUST 14, 1973. BEGIN TEXT:

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE DOCUMENT; MC 218, WHICH INVITES THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO TAKE NOTE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE REVIEW OF DEFENCE EDUCATION.

2. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THE WORK OF THE GROUP WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST (SEE APPENDIX A OF MC 218) IS TO STUDY THE PROBLEM OF THE SPECIAL TRAINING REQUIRED BY NATO MILITARY STRUCTURE. THE SECOND TASK (APPENDIX B) IS TO UNDERTAKE A RATHER WIDER STUDY OF THE NEED FOR DEFENCE TRAINING IN NATO; THIS ENVISAGES AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR THE NATO DEFENCE COLLEGE AS A CENTRE FOR STUDIES AND CONFERENCES  
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IN BOTH THE MILITARY AND POLITICAL FIELD.

3. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL ALSO NOTE THAT IT IS INTENDED THAT NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN

THE WORK OF THE GROUP AND ITS SUB-GROUPS, AND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF SHOULD ALSO BE REPRESENTED. FOR MY PART, I WELCOME THIS AND WILL PROVIDE SUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN DUE COURSE.

4. I DOUBT WHETHER IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE MATTER AT THIS STAGE, THOUGH OF COURSE, IF ANY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE WISHES TO DO SO I WILL PLACE THE PAPER ON AN EARLY AGENDA. HOWEVER, I FEEL THAT THE SUBJECT, PARTICULARLY IN ITS WIDER ASPECTS, IS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL WISH TO CONSIDER THE RESULTS WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE; THESE RESULTS MAY ALSO PERHAPS, BE OF INTEREST TO COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT AT PRESENT PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

5. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, UNLESS I HEAR TO THE CONTRARY BY 14TH AUGUST, 1973 I WILL TAKE IT THAT THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE HAS TAKEN NOTE OF MC 218 AND HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE OUTCOME OF THE STUDY. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: WE PLAN TO MAKE NO COMMENT UNLESS WASHINGTON HAS OTHER VIEWS. RUMSFELD

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